

100th year of steam engine on Shimla-Kalka rail section

1492. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the age old steam engine revived on Shimla-Kalka mountain rail section is preparing to celebrate completion of its 100th year in 2003; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the details of the said celebrations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) No final decision has been taken to revive steam locomotives on Kalka-Shimla narrow gauge section of Northern Railway. Details of centenary celebration have, however, not been finalized so far.

Land for new rail lines in Andhra Pradesh

1493. DR. DASARINARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after demanding some new rail lines in Andhra Pradesh, the State Government is not making the requisite land available for such lines;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons being given by the State Government; and

(c) the final decision Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.